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PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD Substitute for Form PTO-875					Application or Docket Number <i>09/901971-</i>
APPLICATION AS FILED – PART I					
(Column 1)		(Column 2)			
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a), (b), or (c))			RATE (\$)	OR	RATE (\$)
SEARCH FEE (37 CFR 1.16(k), (l), or (m))					
EXAMINATION FEE (37 CFR 1.16(e), (p), or (q))					
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(l))	minus 20 =	*	X =	OR	X =
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(h))	minus 3 =	*	X =		
APPLICATION SIZE FEE (37 CFR 1.16(s))	If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).				
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(j))					
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APPLICATION AS AMENDED – PART II					
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	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(h))	* <i>4</i>	Minus *** <i>10</i>	X =	
Application Size Fee (37 CFR 1.16(s))					
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(j))					
TOTAL ADD'L FEE					
AMENDMENT B					
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Application Size Fee (37 CFR 1.16(s))					
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(j))					
TOTAL ADD'L FEE					

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Number	09/904,975
Filing Date	July 12, 2001
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Attorney Docket No.	DELME-P2739

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Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee			
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee			
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee			
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee			
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee			

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
27	-23** = 4	x 9	= 36	
8	-6** = 2	x 43	= 86	

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 88	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 88	2204 43	" Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	" Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 122)

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### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 185	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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In re Application of: Dan W.C. Delmer

Serial No.: 09/904,975

Art Unit: 3679

Filed: July 12, 2001

Examiner: Aaron M. Dunwoody

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 19, 2003.

As per the Revised Format of Amendments published in the *Official Gazette* on February 25, 2003, please find applicable section amendments for the above-referenced application on separately attached sheets.

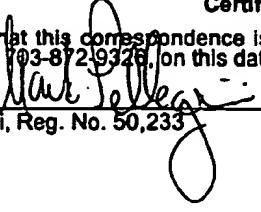
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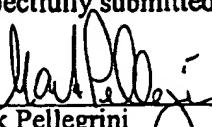
  
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If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing, or if the Examiner would like to discuss any remaining or new issues regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative of Applicant at (949) 718-6750.

Respectfully submitted,

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